

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, Applicants have amended claims 14, 22, 22 to include the limitations of Claim 1 in Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,629,641.

Also, Applicants have amended Claims 37 and 56 in order to avoid any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Applicants have added new dependent claims 95, 96 and 97 related to subordinate features of the present invention.

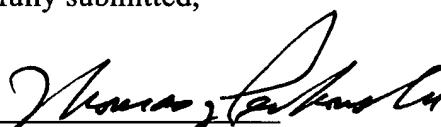
Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome any possible rejection of the amended claims 14, 20 and 22 in view of the claims in Applicants' earlier U.S. Patent No. 6,629,641, should the Examiner deem amended Claims 14, 20 and 22 as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,641, under the judicially-created obviousness-type double-patent doctrine.

In view, therefore, of the Amendment and Remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by pending Claims 14, 22, 22 37, 56 and 95-97 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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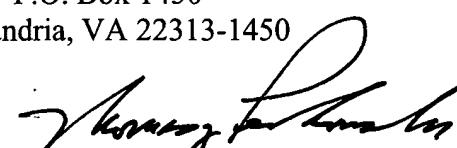


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